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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mark E. Fagan, Susan N. Bohlke, and
Neil A. Randen

Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: N. Ahmad

Serial No.: 09/185,208
Filed: November 3, 1998

For: Filled Lab Pattern-Coated Films

Response to the Final Office Action

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed December 13, 2001, in the captioned application. This Amendment is believed timely submitted. If any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested. Please charge any additional fees due in connection with this Amendment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Remarks

Claims 1-14 remain in this application. To facilitate the understanding of this response, Applicants have set forth Applicants' arguments in specific headed paragraphs. Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Butler (5,928,726) in view of Zhu (5,608,003).

The Examiner has stated that Butler refers to a textured film having a layer of permanent adhesive on one surface and a layer of low adhesion backsize (LAB) on the opposite surface. The LAB is pattern-coated on the film and includes a silica

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